(d) whether it is also a fact that com-' plaints were made lor scarcity of essential commodities in the State by any group or organisation to'the Central Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUP-PLIES (?HRI D. L, BAITHA): (a) The present monthly allotment of rice to Naga-land is 9,000 MTs, which is considered to be adequate to meet the PDS requirements of the State.

(b) and (c) The responsibility of en-forcement and distribution of essential items is that of the concerned State Government. In view of this, all the State and U.T. Administrations have been advised by * the Central Government, from time to time, to strengthen their monitoring arrangements and intensify their enforcement efforts, to ensure that these items reach the people for whom they are meant.

(d) In the North Eastern region including Nagaland, supply of essential commodities, at time?, gets disrupted due to floods, bandhs, movement constraints etc. To tackle the peculiar problems of this area, close monitoring of Supplies of essential commadities is done by the Central as well State Govts., and corrective meases are taken whenever required.

No complaint regarding scarcity of es-: :1 commodities in the State has been >ed by the Department of Civil Sup-lies, from any Group or Organisation in the recent pas'.

**Coca Cola in *the* country**

1262. DR. YELAMANCHILT STVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING-INDUSTRIES be pleased to state whether Government propose to allow "Coca-Cola" or any other soft drink with foreign col-: ation into the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYT-LER): No proposal for the manufacture of "Coca-Cola" is under consideration of the Government. The proposal of M/s Punjab Agro Industries Corporation for the manufacture of various processed foods and soft drink concentrates in collaboration with M/s Pepsico Incorporated of U.S.A. is still under the consideration of the. Government.

**Child labour in the country**

1263. DR. YELAMANCHIU SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to' iiatc want is the number of child labour in the country if so, what steps have been n to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI B1NDESHWARI DUBEY): According to the projecttosa made by the Planning Commission the labour force in the age group 5-14 years in the country, as on 1st March, 1985 was 17.58 million. Government have taken the following measures to reduce and gradually eliminate child labour:—

(i) The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 has been enacted to prohibit the employment of. children below 14 years of age in certain hazardous employments.

(ii) A National Child Labour Policy has been announced which *inter alia,* proposes to set-up projects to ..benefit child workers in areas of high child labour concentration. The projects among other things provide for withdrawal of child workers from hazardous employ-mints and giving them the benefits of non-formal education, health care, vocational training, nutrition etc., and raising the inccme levels of their families.

(iii) Grants-in-aid are given to voluntary organisations, to take up projects to benefit child workers.

**Slow 'progress of urbanisatSon in the country**

1264. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government took note of the Aid India Consortium's Comments that India's urbanisation has been very slow reflecting the dismal shift in employment patterns; and

(b) if so what are the steps contemplated to redress the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY. OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and The information is being collected'and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

**Bauxite Mining project of the Bharat Aluminium company at Ganduainardhaii hill in Orissa-**

1.265. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPEN-' . DRA: WiU the Minister of STEEL AND MINES hfl pieased to state:

(a) wEettter . i . project of the Bharat Aluminium Company at Ganiibamardhan Hill in Orissa is in trouble .due to the attitude of the Orissa Govern merii; and

. (b) if so the jiction taken by Government to end the controversy and to settle matters with the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTE-DAR) (a) No Sir.

(b) The work on the Project has been held up due. to local agitation since Decem ber 1985. On the suggestion of the Govt, of Orissa, an expert committee headed by Dr. B. D. Nagchoudfauri was appointed by the Govt, of India. After an in-depth study of the impact of the proposed develomenL of Gandhainardhan Bauxite Project on ecology and environment of tfye area, the expert committee, *inter alia* re commended that the "bauxite mines in Gandhamardhan Hills be opened with as little de lay as -possible." The Commitee al so recommended to set up an Environmen tal Management Authority (E.M.A.) to en sure proper environmental protection mea sures The EM.A. has been set up and it has met on three occasions. There is no controversy involving the State Govt. vis-a-vis the execution of the Project. Eff-forts are being made to resume work on the Project with the co-operation of the State Government.

**Unauthorised use of scarce Newsprint**

1266. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MAL-AVIYA: Will the .Minister of, INFORMA TION. AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

: ivernment have -*d* use of scare print which includes black marketing icaiion of circulation figures by Indian. Express Group of( Newspapers; arid

(b) if so, the jf the outcome of !gation$_s$ and the steps taken tc pre vent suph frai

THE Ml OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) During' a'check of circulation, some, instances of loan of newsprint by one publication of the Group to another have come to the notice. oT the Govexnment.

(c) Appropriate action as per rules is being considered.

**Exploitation of women workers in unorganised sector**

1267. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPEN-DRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether women in the un-organised sector are being exploited mostly, with maximum work being extracted from them with minimum wages; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government ensure fair wages to these women workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEYJ: (a) and "(b) The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 (MWA) and th$_e$ Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 (ERA), apply to employments in the unorganised sector as well. While the MWA provides for the fixation and payment of minimum wages in scheduled employments, the ERA provides for the payment of equal wages to men and women for the same work or work of a